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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2011

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – TRAINING ROOM #679

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Bonnie Moore, John Shaffer, Thomas Smith, Eric Temple, Florence Wager, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita.
Excused Members:	Dick Carroll, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Aryana Peiravi, Bryan Snodgrass.
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Will Pickering, Eric Temple
Public:	Doug Auburg
Staff:	Jon Holladay, Linnea LaRocque

Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:00 p.m.	Lloyd Lycan
Roll Call/Introductions	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 members are excused 	
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and adopted 	
Communications/Announcements	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer elections in November. 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arbitration between the Temple brothers has taken place with a ruling due in the next week. Carloads are down a little bit, similar to last year. Linde Gas should be shipping extra cars near end of year. Omega and Anderson shipments are steady. Canfield has picked up and will be receiving cars of roofing granules. Approx. 200 cars/year. Potential new transload project at Rye Yard was discussed, although space is tight at yard. Several adjacent landowners may be using quite a bit of railroad land without permission or compensation – land that could be used for transloading. Until there is a firm commitment from transloader to move forward, Eric does not want to push property issues. However, future discussions with encroaching neighbors will be needed as several possible shippers in the past looked at Rye Yard but space has been an issue. Jon pulled up Google Maps to show the group an overview of the rail line, properties, fences and roads. Eric would then discuss the project with Omega. Omega is also interested in expanding. There is no motion to move forward at this time. 	
BYCX Activities	Will Pickering
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a group to view the weed spraying tests conducted south of Yacolt along the line. Two good fall leaf runs with good attendance. Headless Horseman coming up – 3 trips a day. Ties have been going in south of Yacolt. 	

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Status of County Activities	Jon Holladay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Progress – The rail and hardware on order should be received in two weeks. The \$455K state appropriation will be used to install all stockpiled materials. Jon proposes to use the materials to connect sections of previous work to create a solid 3-mile stretch of good track from MP 3 to 6. Next major emphasis assuming funding would be the hill from MP 0 to 3. • Modoc Academy – Still working on trying to get them up here. They were invited to a Jobs Fair held by Congresswoman Herrera. Herrera asked one of her staff to help in looking for monies that may be of assistance. The Academy needs approximately \$200k to complete the move. BYCX and the City of Yacolt are all on board. The only hurdle is finding the monies to move them up. • Bridge 6 (fire) repairs – Contractor will begin repairs hopefully around the last week of October. It should be repaired by end of November. This repair will be paid for by the county Risk Pool/insurance. The first \$50k is the deductible. • Bridge 23 – Continues to be problematic as the timbers plague the repair. Some of the timber from Bridge 6 may be used to assist in the repair of Bridge 23. That timber won't be available until sometime in November. 	
Subcommittee Reports	
<p>Sub-Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREDC economic development update (Bonnie): New President on board - Lisa Nisenfeld. She brings with her great skills and experience. If the board would like to meet her, Bonnie would be happy to arrange that. CREDC is busy with expansion/ recruitment projects. Lands for Jobs Committee: 20 acre parcel report in Clark County was just completed. They are looking into an on-line inventory of 20+-acre industrial sites for the county - majority of which are in North County. The development of the Legislative Agenda for the community is beginning, if there is anything the RRAB wants to have included, please let Bonnie know. • Rail-Trail (Florence & Jon Holladay): The trail is virtually finished. There may be indemnification issues with volunteers to work on the trail. Chinook Trail Association offered volunteer labor valued at \$10K on the grant. • Community Reps. (Bill, Aryana, Todd, Bryan) RR Master Plan Subcommittee – (John Shaffer) The committee has met a couple times, spoke with Eric and determined the two most critical items, both will take time to accomplish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Funding to improve rail line – to reach Class 1 rating; – Zoning of land for development. <p>Funding is something that won't happen over night, and every year we get closer. Land development is more complicated. Obstacles include: environmental groups, outside the growth boundary, zoning regulations. Working together towards the best way to proceed – there needs to be support from the planning department and get guidance from the BOCC.</p> <p>John asked the group if it wants the next step to be speaking with the BOCC. John has the list of issues that need discussion and believes the RRAB has the support of the BOCC and might provide assistance.</p> <p>There were other great ideas presented. These were the two top priorities that without them, the other suggestions could not move forward.</p> <p>Eric suggested discussing with the Port of Vancouver, making the Lagler Dairy part of the</p> 	

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<p>Port of Vancouver. The Port would like to focus on developing maritime-based shippers/industries near the river, so an off-dock industrial site may be a good fit. They would be an advocate. Lagler property owners are also in favor.</p> <p>Chair asked for a vote by the Board to approach each Commissioner. The vote was passed and approved.</p> <p>Lloyd encouraged continued pursuit of funding from the State Legislature. Bill encouraged a RRAB representative to attend an RTC meeting. Vancouver Freight Alliance and Transportation Alliance groups were also suggested. If they are supportive, a letter from them could help when asking for federal dollars.</p>	
Unfinished Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members, who have expiring appointment terms, were asked to advise Lloyd, at their earliest convenience, whether they will continue on with appointment. Those members are: Lloyd Lycan, Florence Wager, Jack Melton, John Shaffer and Aryana Peiravi. Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected in November. 	
New Business	Lloyd Lycan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posted video surveillance signs were recommended for around all bridges. 	
Good of the Order	ALL
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Round Table	ALL
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ADJOURNMENT @ 5:33 pm	